



MEDIA RELEASE

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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To expand the City's electric vehicle charging infrastructure, the City of Santa Barbara recently received eight electric vehicle charging stations. The stations were provided free of charge from the manufacturer, Coulomb Technologies, and the Department of Energy. Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider relates Santa Barbara's eagerness to be involved, explaining that "as the birthplace of the modern environmental movement, it only makes sense that the City of Santa Barbara continue to embrace cutting edge technology that reduces our dependence on fossil fuels. We're delighted to partner with the automobile industry, who has identified Santa Barbara as one of the early adopters of electric vehicles, and we want to lead by example by demonstrating to our community and elsewhere that we support and encourage the growing electric vehicle movement".

The City self-installed the stations, and labor and materials were funded by grant funds from the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District and the California Energy Commission. There are two stations located at the following locations: 1221 Anacapa St (Granada Garage), lot 7 (Library lot), the new Helena Ave. lot. and at the Harbor lot, adjacent to the Los Banos del Mar pool. The parking spaces served by the charging stations are reserved exclusively for electric vehicles that are actively charging.

The City will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony at the waterfront stations on Sunday, September 23rd from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the National Plug-In Day celebration co-hosted by the Community Environmental Council. Mayor Schneider will address these latest infrastructure developments and Congresswoman Lois Capps and Dave VanMullem, Director of Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, will also address the benefits of bringing electric vehicle charging stations to the area. "We are excited to see these charging stations at this classic Santa Barbara location at the Harbor," said Van Mullem. "Residents and tourists will be able to charge their electric vehicles here, and with these stations we are that much closer to establishing a regional electric vehicle corridor. Cars and trucks are a major source of air pollution in Santa Barbara County, and as we see more electric vehicles on the road we will all benefit from cleaner air." Attendees will be able to test drive the latest electric vehicle technology, check out the City's two new LEAFs, purchased for employee use, and enjoy local music and food truck fare.

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The City's Harbor parking lot directly behind Los Banos Del Mar Pool

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